Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, Paragraph [0003], with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0003] Fig. 4 shows the configuration of a conventional projection type image display apparatus. In Fig. 4, white illumination light emitted from an illumination light source 101 is reflected by a reflector 102, passes through a fly eye lens ~~A103~~ 103, further reflected by a mirror M101, passes through a fly eye lens ~~B104~~ 104, a light polarization converting device 105 and a condenser lens 106, and then incident on a dichroic mirror DM101.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, Paragraph [0029], with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0029] The illumination light passing through the fly eye lens 3 is turned approximately 90 degrees by a mirror M1 serving as an illumination reflecting member, passes through a fly eye lens ~~B4~~ 4, a light polarization converting device 5 and a condenser lens 6 serving as a condensing optical device, and then incident on a dichroic mirror DM1.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, Paragraph [0036], with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0036] Each of the image display devices 8R, 8G and 8B is formed of a liquid crystal display panel or the like. A driving circuit, not shown, inputs driving signals to the image display devices 8R, 8G, and 8B in accordance with image information input from an image

information supply apparatus IS such as a personal computer, a DVD player, a television and a VTR~~, not shown~~. This is the same or the following embodiment. The input driving signal drives each of the image display devices 8R, 8G and 8B to form an image for each color in accordance with the image information.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, Paragraph [0037], with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0037] The image light component for each color, modulated by the respective image display devices 8R, 8B and 8G, is incident on a color combination prism 9. The color combination prism 9 is formed of integrally combined four prisms such as dichroic ~~membranes~~ films DM3, DM4 are formed between respective two paired prisms.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, Paragraph [0038], with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0038] The image light component in the blue wavelength range incident on the color combination prism 9 is reflected by the dichroic ~~membranes~~ film DM3 within the color combination prism 9 and thus turned 90 degrees, and then emanates toward a projection lens 10.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, Paragraph [0040], with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0040] The image light component in the red wavelength range incident on the color combination prism 9 is totally reflected by one surface of the color combination prism 9, further reflected by the dichroic ~~membrane~~ film DM4, and emanates toward the projection lens 10.--